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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 87

19 December 1950

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Major Rush	Air Force
	CIA
	CIA (Chairman)

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2. A memorandum prepared by the Chairman for the Air Force member citing the decision of the Committee on an Air Force proposal for the release of certain JANIS and NIS climatological studies to the NATO countries was approved (Item 5, NIS Committee Report No. 85, 5 December 1950).

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After a full discussion of the matter it was agreed that a comprehensive re-examination of existing control policies in the Service Agencies was necessary and would be undertaken immediately by the Service members. The Chairman agreed by the next meeting to have prepared a memorandum for the Service members respecting this requirement. On completion of their studies of this matter the Service members are to submit reports for consideration by the Committee.

4. The revised production schedule for FY 1951 which reflected the adjustments agreed to at the last meeting was distributed to the members for final review before publication. The Chairman pointed out that 13 Army sections which had been returned to the agency for revision had not been scheduled for resubmission to D/Ba in FY 1951. The Army member stated that he had gone into this matter and found that scheduled new production would absorb the full capabilities of the offices concerned so that it was necessary to carry over the elements undergoing revision to the FY 1952 schedule. He agreed, however, to look into the matter again with the view of having some of these elements brought into the FY 1951 schedule if at all possible. Members were requested to notify D/Ba without delay if errors or omissions were noted so that a corrected schedule could be presented for final approval at the next meeting.

5. The Navy member suggested that Section 35 and Supplement I (Ports and Naval Facilities) of NIS 26 (USSR) be treated on a 5-part basis similar to the treatment accorded this area in NIS Chapter II (Military Geography) instead of treating the area as a whole in these elements as presently required. He expressed the opinion that several years' time would be required to produce these elements on the area as a whole whereas on a 5-part production plan the individual parts could probably be produced and published at 4 or 5-month intervals, which would make information on some parts available to users a year or more earlier than they could expect to receive it under the present production plan. It was agreed that the Navy member would outline his proposal in detail in a memorandum to be submitted for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

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6. The following proposal by the Chapter VII Coordinator relating to Section 72, Chapter VII, NIS 26 (USSR) was approved (tentative approval by Navy was later made final):

"1. Informal sub-delegation and tentative acceptance of responsibility for production of the rough draft of the several lettered parts of Section 72 of the subject NIS have been accomplished as follows:

a. Section 72 A & G, "General" and "Comments on Principal Sources" to be consolidated by SI/W based upon contributions prepared by the Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force in connection with the portions of Section 72 drafted by them.

b. Section 72 B, "Aircraft and Aircraft Armament" - accepted by the JACIC, and draft to be submitted by the Technical Capabilities Branch, A2/ONI, Department of the Air Force.

c. Section 72 C, "Guided Missiles" - accepted by the JCMIC, and draft to be submitted by the Technical Capabilities Branch, A2/ONI, Department of the Air Force.

d. Section 72 D, "Antiaircraft Weapons and Equipment" - accepted by the JAAIC, and to be drafted by Technical Branch, G-2, Department of the Army.

e. Section 72 E, "Ground Weapons and Equipment" - accepted by Technical Branch, G-2, Department of the Army, who will prepare the draft. (working draft) *due 1 Feb.*

f. Section 72 F, "Naval Weapons" - accepted by OP NAV, Department of the Navy, who will prepare the draft.

2. In conformity with the deadline established by AD/SI for the completion of Section 72, the following production schedule is proposed:

a. Intelligence cut-off date - 1 January 1951.

b. Contributing agencies will submit drafts to SI/W, CIA by 1 February 1951.

c. SI/W will assemble drafts and return complete document to contributors for final review by 1 March 1951. Drafts of Section 72 B, C and D will be reviewed by appropriate SIC working committees at their first meeting in February 1951.

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d. Concurrence and/or comments of consolidated draft will be returned from agencies to SI/W, CIA by 20 March 1951.

e. Finished paper will be submitted by SI/W, CIA to Chapter VII Coordinator by 1 April 1951.

3. It is considered mandatory, therefore, and requested accordingly, that appropriate steps be taken as soon as possible to assign, or obtain a formal commitment for, responsibility for production of the original draft of Sections 72 B, C, D, E, and F by the organizations listed in paragraphs 1 a through e, above.

4. In delegating these production responsibilities, the contributing agencies should be reminded in writing that their drafts shall include, in addition to the prescribed information for their respective subsections, a brief discussion of the general research and development capability of the USSR in the area covered and Comments on Principal Sources."

7. The Army member reported that his Agency had decided to accept Chapter III of the revised Standard Instructions without change. Army comments on the Chapter II revision are now under study in the Technical Services and effort will be made to submit these comments at the next meeting of the NIS Committee.

8. The Chairman informed the members of a discussion he had held with Mr. Kirkpatrick of the State Department regarding the ECA Counterpart Funds Research Program. He then read the following memorandum which he had prepared for the record covering this discussion:

"1. The purpose of this discussion was to determine more precisely the status of ECA Counterpart Funds as they apply to the NIS Program relative to augmentation of collection effort in ECA countries and through these countries the information needed on colonial possessions. Mr. Kirkpatrick indicated that the \$15,000,000, which Congress had indicated should be made available from the Counterpart Funds for research projects under the Department of State, was still being discussed at policy level. The reason for this unclear situation was due to the changed conditions through which Counterpart Funds generally were being used for stockpiling purposes. There is, therefore, some question as to whether ECA may have excess Counterpart Funds available for this purpose. Kirkpatrick indicated also that country ECA administrators were authorized to use at their own discretion Counterpart Funds available to them for projects such as State would use under the \$15,000,000 fund which the country administrators approved. Consequently, it is evident there are two sources from which Counterpart Funds may be drawn for the purpose of State projects.

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2. Kirkpatrick indicated that there was being set up a committee under State's jurisdiction which would examine all proposed projects to be used either directly in countries in which ECA administrators would make such funds available and in the event the \$15,000,000 fund or portions thereof was made available. He assured me that every consideration would be given to the NIS Program by this committee with which he would be working closely and that opportunity would be afforded at an appropriate time for me to indicate to the committee the extent, nature, and purpose of the NIS Program related to the expenditure of such funds.

3. I took the opportunity to indicate the unusual suitability of the NIS Program as it applies to the Counterpart Fund use. In the first place there is an organization and requirement situation readily usable for this purpose and there exists in the U.S. missions with their related attache aspects a means through which requirements for collection of needed intelligence could be channeled. We envisage that these funds could be laid on country by country in such degree as they were available without the necessity of knowing at the time they were laid on the exact funds which could be used for the purpose. The Program also permits of applying the collection effort and hence the use of the funds comprehensively in ECA countries. Furthermore, the critical international situation makes time of the essence in the use of the Counterpart Funds. It likewise greatly increases the necessity for augmenting collection effort in the NIS Program.

4. Kirkpatrick had inquired in all U.S. missions visited in his recent trip to Europe regarding the NIS Program. He was gratified to learn, once the Program was fully explained, that its concept was enthusiastically received in all instances. He further stated that there was considerable lack of knowledge of the precise nature of the Program and what its objectives were. The embassy staffs generally took the position that while they approved the Program and would assist in every possible way to examine the correctness of such NIS as were received and to fill gaps indicated, their present work load would necessitate the assignment of an additional person or persons to coordinate the requirements which would be laid on."

The Chairman undertook to keep in touch with developments on this program with the view of obtaining consideration for NIS projects when the Projects Committee, which is being set up, is ready to receive proposals.

9. The attention of the members was invited to the Photograph Accessions Bulletins produced in CIA which show the photographs which have been procured for Intelligence Studies and are available for Agency

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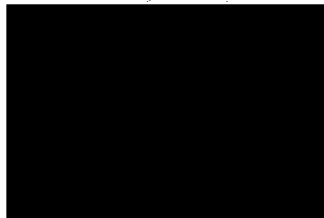
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use in the preparation of NIS. One Bulletin is issued on Personalities and one on Spot Photography, and the analysts should find them extremely useful in their search for good photographs for use in NIS. Current distribution of these Bulletins is 15 copies to State, 16 to Army, 8 to Navy, 5 to Air Force, and 3 copies to the Aeronautical Chart Service. Members were urged to assure that these Bulletins were being seen at all working levels and were notified that additional copies were available if desired.

10. Members were reminded that initial drafts on augmentation of NIS production are due at the next meeting.

11. The next meeting will be held on 27 December 1950 at CIA.

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